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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 4th May 1858.

No. 13. From J. ARATHOON, Esq., and other Creditors of the late NAWAUB; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th April 1858.

SIR,

We, the principal Creditors of the late Nawaub of the Carnatic, observe from the Newspapers that a Bill "to provide for the Administration of the Estate and for the payment of the Debts of his late Highness" was read a second time in the Legislative Council of India on the 3rd Instant, and was referred to a Select Committee, who are to report thereon after the 7th of July next. We understand that the final passing of the Bill has been postponed thus long with the considerate intention of allowing the Creditors sufficient time to consider its provisions and notify, through the Local Government, any objections which they may entertain in regard to them.

We beg to state, for the information of Government, that we have carefully perused the provisions of the proposed Bill, and that we are satisfied that they are as fair and equitable as could be expected under the circumstance, and the Creditors generally can have no reasonable objections to the measures for which the said Bill provides for the investigation of their claims and the payment of all just debts. We would therefore respectfully submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council whether such being the case, it is at all necessary or expedient that any further delay should take place, as proposed at the second reading of the Bill, in reporting upon and finally passing it. More than two years and a half have elapsed since the death of His Highness, and during this period we have been subjected to very great inconvenience and difficulties; and we feel that if the payment of the debts was delayed any longer as contemplated, it would be productive of the most serious embarrassment to us, especially to those who are engaged in extensive mercantile transactions. The distress occasioned by the long deferred settlement of our claims is already very great, and we would therefore earnestly solicit that your Lordship in Council would, upon a consideration of all the circumstances stated, urge upon the Legislative Council the necessity of having the proposed Bill immediately passed into Law.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 293; dated 1st May 1858.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes that by the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council all representations from private parties in respect to Bills in progress should be made to the Council through their Clerk. He is not aware that any deviation from this course has been contemplated in respect to the Bill to provide for the administration of

the Estate and for the payment of the debts of His Highness the late Nawaub of the Carnatic, so that any objection entertained by Individuals should be notified through the Local Government. Under any circumstances he would suggest that Messrs. Arathoon and others should address the Legislative Council direct through their Clerk to the same effect as their present Memorial.

2. At the same time the Governor in Council will inform the Memorialists that the Bill in question has been referred to the Law Officers of Government and that on their reply being received the Government will lose no time in forwarding it, with any remarks that they may have to make on it themselves, to the Legislative Council. They will, at the same time, transmit copy of the Memorial and will state that this Government concur in the wish that the Bill may become Law at as early a period as practicable consistently with due care in its preparation.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 1st May 1858.

Read the following letter
from L. Matheson Esquire
and other Principal Creditors
of H. H. the late Nawab
of the Carnate.

(Here enter 26th April 1858.)

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